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## *Djiboutian National CEWERU holds Stakeholders' Consultation Workshop*



*National Consultative workshop of the Djiboutian CEWERU*

The Djiboutian national Conflict Early Warning and Response Unit (CEWERU) held a Stakeholders sensitization workshop from 20 -21 October in Djibouti.

The objective of the workshop was to review the conflict prevention and mitigation activities of the CEWERU on the Djiboutian side of the Dikhil Cluster and consult on a way forward on enhancing its effectiveness. The meeting was also used to sensitize Steering Committee members of the national CEWERU and other stakeholders on CEWARN's operations.

Presentations were heard from the Djiboutian national CEWERU, CEWARN's National Research Institute in Djibouti as well as Field Monitors and Local Peace Committees on the successes and challenges of their operations. The meeting also involved consultations

on the CEWARN Rapid Response Fund (RRF) including the development of project proposals as well as the establishment of a national-level CEWERU Technical Support Unit (TSU) and Financial Administration Unit (FAU) to oversee technical and financial matters related to the RRF.

Steering Committee members of the Djiboutian national CEWERU; CEWARN Country Coordinator; Field Monitors; Local Peace Committees from CEWARN's areas of reporting in Dikhil Region as well as other stakeholders including representatives of CSOs and Women groups were in attendance of the consultative workshop.

The consultative workshop was preceded by a refresher training on Conflict Prevention Management and Resolution (CPMR) for Djiboutian Field Monitors and members of the national CEWERU in Dikhil region from 18-19 October in Djibouti - which involved a review of CEWARN's early warning indicators and reporting templates.

The training also availed the opportunity for discussion amongst CEWARN Field Monitors, Members of the national CEWERU and CEWARN staff on improving CEWARN's early warning and response activities in Djibouti through timely reporting, regular quality control of field data as well as better presentation of early warning reports. ♦



### ***Uganda CEWERU team concludes experience sharing visit to Kenya***



A 15-person team comprising members of the national Steering Community of the Conflict Early Warning and Response Unit (CEWERU) of Uganda as well as CEWARN Country Coordinator; provincial administration officials and representatives of civil society organizations in Uganda concluded an experience sharing visit to Kenya from 11-15 October 2010.

The visit was an occasion of peer-to-peer learning among the national CEWERUs of the two countries which will inform and strengthen national programmes as well as serve as an occasion for collaboration on cross-border issues.

During its visit, the team spent a day at the NSC/CEWERU of Kenya headquarters and was briefed on various programmes of the national early warning and response mechanism. This included a briefing on data collection, analysis and response programmes such as the national Rapid Response Fund as well as activities of the National Focal Point on Small Arms and Light Weapons (NFP on SALWs) which is also housed in the NSC. This was followed by a visit to the Dagoretti District Peace Committee and partner organizations.

Through these various events and activities, the CEWERU of Kenya was able to demonstrate how well governmental and non-governmental structures in Kenya are working closely on Peace building as well as how widely it has managed to set up peace structures including in urban areas. ♦

### ***National CEWERU of Ethiopia conducts Project Cycle Management Training***

The Ethiopian national CEWERU conducted training on Project Cycle Management its local and national stakeholders from 19 -20 October in Hawassa Town, Ethiopia.

The training was aimed at equipping CEWARN Field Monitors as well as provincial and community-level CEWERU structures with the necessary skills for design, implementation and monitoring of Rapid Response Fund projects. The training is believed to ensure that local communities have the capacity to design projects that are well-suited to local realities as well as promote local ownership of peace building initiatives. Furthermore, knowledge in project management will allow local structures to adequately follow up the implementation of RRF projects and identify lessons learnt for future planning.



*Participants of the Project Cycle Management Training in Ethiopia*

Similar trainings were held by national CEWERU of Kenya from 17-18 August in Nakuru Town and the one of Uganda from 8 -12 August in Mbale Town.

The RRF is a multi-donor basket fund set up by CEWARN to support local peace building initiatives to avert and/or de-escalate pastoral and related violent conflicts in CEWARN's areas of reporting. The fund enables CEWARN to directly support specific categories of community-level early response projects including community dialogues as well as capacity building of local peace structures among others. The fund has been fully operational since 2009 and has so far supported 20 projects worth USD 775,000 from Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda. ♦



## *CEWARN organizes report writing skills training for stakeholders*



*CEWARN Assistant Country Coordinators for Kenya and Uganda Ms. Rukiya Abdulrahman and Ms. Margaret Aduto (Left and Right respectively) were among those who undertook the report writing skills training*

CEWARN in collaboration with InWENT-Germany conducted a report writing skills training from 11-14 October 2010 in Addis Ababa. The training targeted representatives of national CEWERUs, Country Coordinators, and Assistant Country Coordinators from Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda as well as CEWARN staff.

Facilitators Mr. Anton Ivanov and Mr. Uzochukwu Nduka conducted sessions on Field research; report writing and use of CEWARN early warning reporting templates with the aim of equipping participants with basic report writing and communications skills.

The training was part of a capacity building support agreement between CEWARN and INWENT from 2010-2012.

INWENT's support to CEWARN in the past includes

the preparation of a comprehensive training manual on CPMR in 2008. ♦

## *Symposium looks at food security challenges in pastoralist areas in Ethiopia*

Inter Africa Group (IAG) CEWARN's national research institute in Ethiopia organized a half-day symposium on Agrarian technology options and food security in pastoralist areas on 7 October in Addis Ababa.

The symposium served as a forum for exchange of views on issues of food security in pastoralist areas as well as adoption of agricultural technology to improve food security in these areas. Study papers that cover the impacts, dynamics and implications of food security issues in pastoralist areas in Ethiopia as well as viable technology options for pastoral areas were presented.

Discussions centered on the need for a nuanced approach to deal with pastoral food security issues in light of the significant diversity among pastoralist areas in Ethiopia. The symposium also raised the need to appreciate pastoralism as a dynamic and highly adoptive livelihood system. In addition, the untapped potential for irrigation and other technologies for farming and livestock keeping were discussed.



*Participants follow a presentation on technology options for farming and livestock keeping in pastoral areas in Ethiopia*

The symposium brought together governmental and non-governmental stakeholders engaged in food security as well as peace and development issues in pastoralist areas in Ethiopia. ♦

## More News on Linkages...

### Un forum on Peace and Security in Africa

The CEWARN Ag. Director Mr. Raymond Kitevu represented CEWARN at a forum organized by the UN Secretariat Office of the Special Advisor on Africa (OSAA) and the African union Permanent Mission to the UN from 18-19 October in New York.

### Experience sharing workshop on development of conflict early warning and response systems for Oromia and Southern Nations Nationalities and Peoples Regions of Ethiopia

CEWARN presented its experience on 'development of early warning indicators' as well as on 'linking early warning and response initiatives,' at an experience sharing workshop organized to support ongoing initiatives in Oromia and SNNPR regions of Ethiopia to develop conflict early warning and response mechanisms from 18-20 October in Addis Ababa.

### Donors briefing on the Rapid Response Fund

CEWARN organized a briefing for development partners that support the Rapid Response Fund including the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and the Government of Italy on 27 October in Addis Ababa.

Since its launch in 2009, CEWARN's Rapid Response Fund has supported 20 projects from Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda with close to 775,000 USD. So far, eleven of these projects targeted at facilitating dialogue between pastoral communities as well as strengthening local peace structures in Ethiopia, Kenya Uganda have been completed.

## Vacancies at CEWARN

CEWARN is looking for

- ♦ One Conflict Analysis Officer and
- ♦ One Resource Mobilization and Planning officer

For full TOR, visit the vacancy section of CEWARN website at [http://www.cewarn.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&id=44&Itemid=91](http://www.cewarn.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=44&Itemid=91) Deadline for Application is 15 December 2010.

## Upcoming events:

- o 7<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Technical Meeting between the African Union (AU) and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) on the Continental Early warning System (CEWS) from 1-3 December in Tunis, Tunisia.
- o Regional Conference on "Challenges and Prospects of Peace and Security in the IGAD Region" organized by the IGAD Secretariat in light of the African Union Year of Peace from 22-24 November in Nairobi, Kenya
- o Exchange Visit of Djibouti CEWERU to Kenya from 29 November – 3 December 2010 in Nairobi and Wajir Town, Kenya.

## Pictorial



Local administration officials in Wattati, Moyale District of Kenya oversee return of stolen livestock (Photo by Rashid Karayu – CEWARN Field Monitor for Moyale, Kenya).



Mr Samuel K. Maina, Head of the national CEWERU of Kenya (**Standing**) briefs visiting team from national CEWERU of Uganda on the establishment of the National Steering Committee (NSC) on Peace building and Conflict Management (CEWERU-Kenya) in 2001 and its development since.

The Republic of Kenya has in deed shown commendable advancement in conflict prevention and Peace building activities through adopting the CEWARN framework and expanding it to conduct early warning and response work on all types of violent conflict in the country.